



## **Important Changes to the Rookie Driver Practice Skills Log**

**Please read the attached information on changes for all current Maryland Learner's Permit and Provisional License holders. The changes are effective immediately and change the information currently contained in this Skills Log. An updated Driver's Guide Chart, Skills Log Chart and Certification for New Drivers form are attached for your use.**

**Attached:**

- Informational Sheet for Learner's Permit & Provisional License Holders
- New Driving Guide Chart and Practice & Skills Log Chart
- New Certification for New Drivers

If you have any questions, please contact the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA (1682).

## **ATTENTION: MARYLAND LEARNER'S PERMIT & PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS**

This is a notice to all current Maryland Learner's Permit and Provisional License holders regarding changes in Maryland law effective October 1, 2005. Please note even if you were issued your learner's permit or provisional license before this date, the changes in the law still apply to you.

### **Learner's Permit Holders:**

- Under age eighteen (18) are prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including a cell phone) while operating a motor vehicle, except when contacting 911 emergency. Violations may result in a suspension of your driving privilege.
- Must hold the learner's permit for at least six (6) months before being eligible for a provisional license.
- Must be age sixteen (16) years and three (3) months before being eligible for a provisional license after holding the learner's permit for the mandatory six (6) months. The age standard prior to October 1, 2005 is age sixteen (16) years and one (1) month.
- Must complete at least sixty (60) hours of driving practice with someone at least twenty-one (21) who has held a driver's license for at least three (3) years. At least ten (10) of the practice hours must occur during the period beginning thirty (30) minutes before sunset and ending thirty (30) minutes after sunrise. A practice driving skills log must be signed by an individual certifying the practice driving requirements were fulfilled.

### **Provisional License Holders:**

- Under age eighteen (18) are prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including a cell phone) while operating a motor vehicle, except when contacting 911 emergency. Violations may result in a suspension of your driving privilege.
- Under age eighteen (18) are prohibited from transporting any passenger under age eighteen (18) except family members (meaning spouse, daughter, son, stepdaughter, stepson, sister, brother, stepsister, or stepbrother) and relatives living at the driver's address. This prohibition is in effect for 151 days after the provisional license is issued. Violations may result in a suspension of your driving privilege.
- Will be ineligible for a "Probation Before Judgment" (PBJ) ruling from court if the defendant has previously received a PBJ for a moving violation or criminal offense.
- Must hold the provisional license for eighteen (18) consecutive months with no moving violations. Even a PBJ ruling will mean the eighteen (18) month period has to be restarted.
- Will be ineligible for a full-time license until at least age seventeen (17) years and nine (9) months. The age standard prior to October 1, 2005 is age seventeen (17) years and seven (7) months.

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## Planning Your Supervised Driving Experience

The following is a guide for planning your supervised driving experience. The important thing is that you plan your driving sessions so your new driver gains experience in a variety of driving situations. Providing nighttime driving experience is very important. Be sure to include nighttime adverse weather driving experiences.

**Remember, the law requires a minimum of 60 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must occur at nighttime.**

Lesson	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Total Hours
Basic Driver Actions	3	one hour	3
Driving in Light Traffic - Daylight	5	one hour	5
Driving in Moderate Traffic - Daylight	6	one hour	6
Expressway Driving - Daylight	2	one and a half hours	3
Driving Light Traffic - Nighttime	5	one	5
Driving Moderate Traffic - Nighttime	5	one	5
Expressway driving - Nighttime	3	one	3
Driving in adverse conditions - Daylight	3	one	3
Driving in adverse conditions - Nighttime	3	one	3
Driving in complex driving environment	4	one	4
Driving in complex environment - Nighttime	4	one	4
Typical driving environment first month of licensed driving	8	one	8
Summation - mixture of driving environments - new areas - a lot of independent decision making	4	two	8

## Practice and Skills Log

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## Certification for New Drivers

I hereby certify \_\_\_\_\_, has had a minimum of **60 hours**  
(new driver's name)

of behind-the-wheel driving practice under the supervision of a valid driver license holder 21 years of age or older, who has been licensed for at least 3 years and has demonstrated that they can safely operate a motor vehicle. The **60 hours include 10 hours of nighttime driving**, and are in addition to the 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction received during the required driver education course.

"It is illegal for anyone to give false information for a driver's license. This certification is considered part of the license application, and anyone who certifies to a false statement may be prosecuted and/or have their license cancelled. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made and information submitted by me regarding this certification are true and correct."

signature of parent, guardian or mentor

driver's license number

date

*See important information on the back.*

**In the case of a driver under 18 years of age:**

The parent or guardian who signed the minor's learner's permit application is required to sign this certification.

**In the case of an adult new driver:**

The certification may be signed by an adult mentor.

**Fewer accidents, lower fatalities -  
that's what we're driving at!**